

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 30 as follows:

The geometry of the vascular device 10 can also be appreciated with reference to the collapsed configuration of the vascular device 10 shown in Figure 5-7. As shown, the device 10 is in the form of a cylinder with a reduced diameter. Each longitudinal strip 24 has a cutout 27 to form vessel engaging member 28. The longitudinal strip 24 is tapered in width "w" at its opposing ends ~~29~~ ^{29a} which connect to the framework. The longitudinal slot 30 on each side of the strip 24 is substantially straight and has enlarged oval-like regions 32 at opposing ends. The outer wall 34 of each longitudinal slot 30, i.e. the wall of slot 34 spaced further from the longitudinal strip 24, is joined to the outer wall 34 of an adjacent longitudinal slot 30 by transverse rib 36. Each rib 36 forms one vertex of a cell 15 and one vertex of a cell 17 when expanded. The cell openings 18 and 20 in the collapsed configuration as shown in Figure 6, have, respectively, a narrowed elongated portion 20a, 18a, and a widened portion 20b, 18b with flared out regions 20c, 18c, to form the diamond shaped openings having bent end regions 21, 19 when device 10 is expanded. The flared out regions 20c, 18c enable the formation of such bent regions 21, 19.